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I have read the ARRL Proposal and the FCC proposal concerning the restructuring of the amateur radio license system and I must emphatically say that I favor the proposal of the ARRL.

If I am reading your proposal correctly you plan to not only eliminate the Novice and Technician Plus License classes, but take away the HF privileges I have enjoyed for over 12 years. ( I have held a Technician or the newly named Technician Plus license since September of 1986). Your reasoning was that must novices and Tech Pluses only operate the VHF/UHF Bands. Gentlemen, you need to pay attention to the 10 meter band for Novice/Technicians. When the band is open for DX it is very crowded with Novice/Tech Pluses, and when it is not it is use for local communications. The CW sub-bands for Novices and tech Pluses are also put to good use on a continuing basis. To take away HF privileges from myself and a lot of others would be extremely unfair. We have invested a lot of money in equipment and long hours making friends world wide,contesting, and paper chasing for DXCC and WAS. One Tech Plus I know is only four countries short of being the only Tech Plus to make DXCC Honor Roll. There are plenty of us that use the HF bands.

The ARRL proposal on the other hand does not take away privileges from any license class, maintains the four class system you favor, and except for the entry level, or class D license, actually increases operating privileges.

I beleive that the cw wpm requirements should be 5 and 10 wpm; 5 wpm for general class and 10 wpm for advanced and extra class. CW tests should require answers to be fill in the blank or one minute of solid copy. Written exams should reflect ehavily on rules, good operating practices and proceedures, and technical expertise.

Please read, consider, and adopt the ARRL propsal. It does not punish anyone as your proposal does. Again, it is not fair to anyone to loose privileges in the name of "progress."

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The ARRL propasalon the other hand does not cause anyone or any licence class to loose any privileges, and in fact all except the entry level or Class D licence actuall gain some addtional privileges. All this and it stillmaintains a four Class system that you propose.